



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of)
BRINATI ET AL) Art Unit: 1713
Serial No. 08/885,770) Examiner: M. SAROFIM
Filed: June 30, 1997)
For: VDF POLYMERIZATION PROCESS)

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AMENDMENT

January 13, 1999

Assistant Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed July 8, 1998, please amend the subject application as set forth below:

In the Claims

1.(Amended) VDF polymerization process, optionally modified with small amounts, generally comprised between 0.1 and 10% by moles, of one or more fluoro-containing comonomers, for preparing VDF polymers showing improved levels of white index, carried out in the presence of a microemulsion comprising a (per)fluoropolyether having neutral end groups, or microemulsions of fluoropolyoxyalkylenes having